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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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DIRECTIONAL MICROPHONE SYSTEM WITH AT LEAST  
THREE MICROPHONES"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,421,448  
AB United States Patent No. 6,385,323  
AC United States Patent No. 5,214,709  
AL PCT Application WO 01/26415  
AM PCT Application WO 01/01732  
AN PCT Application WO 00/76268  
AO PCT Application WO 00/65873  
AP German OS 198 49 739  
AU U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0191805

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Reference AA corresponds to German PS 199 18 883 and Reference AB corresponds to German OS 198 22 021, which were identified and discussed, together with References AN and AP, at pages 1-3 of the present specification.

Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references. Reference AN corresponds to copending United States Application Serial No. 09/979,966, filed November 27, 2001, and owned by the same assignee as the present application.

Reference AP corresponds to abandoned United States Application Serial No. 09/419,937, a copy of which is attached to Reference AP for use as a translation thereof, however, Applicant does not represent that this is a literal translation.

The remaining references, or their respective German counterparts, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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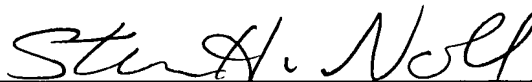


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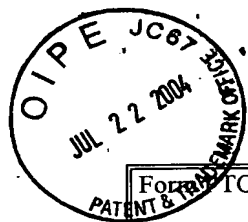
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